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Al-Qadhdhafi Offers 'Absolute' Solidarity to 'Arafat
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[Text] Libyan leader Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi has contacted Palestinian leader Yasir 'Arafat by telephone and expressed his absolute solidarity with the Palestinian revolution in its new trial.

Al-Qadhdhafi Discusses Africa, Palestinians, Lebanon
LD260949 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 0700 GMT 26 May 85

[Text] Tripoli, 26 May (JANA) — Yesterday evening the brother leader of the revolution received heads of the African diplomatic missions accredited in Libya on the occasion of Africa Day.

In a brief address to the heads of the African diplomatic missions the leader spoke about his recent visit to Central Africa which included Rwanda, Burundi, and Sudan and he apologized for not being able to accept the invitation from the president of Gabon, El Hadj Omar Bongo.

The leader noted that the countries of Central Africa do not suffer from drought and that they have vast unutilized water resources. The leader said: It is regrettable that at the time I was visiting these countries to discuss African issues, the president of Zaire was in occupied Palestine meeting with the racist Zionists — allies of the white racists in South Africa.

The leader pointed out that both the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi have pointed to the need for the Arabs to contact Mobutu before adopting any definite stance against him for restoring his relations with the Zionist occupiers; this is as a result of a misunderstanding since Mobutu believed that the Arabs began to accept the establishment of relations with the Zionist enemy in the wake of Egypt's submission and its defeat during the Ramadan war and the forcibly imposed recognition of it at the tent of shame 101 [Kilometer 101]. He also pointed to the statements made by the foreign minister of Zaire who said that Mobutu went to occupied Palestine to defend the Arab cause and the minister has requested people not to be hasty in judging Zaire. The leader said that on the advice of the brother presidents of Rwanda and Burundi, the Arab League secretary general will visit Zaire and we hope that this Arab endeavor will receive a response from the president of Zaire to reconsider his decision to restore relations with the Zionist enemy. The leader has asserted that as Arabs we are confronting an enemy who threatens our existence and we shall not accept from any regime — particularly from our African brothers — the establishment of relations with the Zionist enemy; we cannot compromise on this question.

The leader then said that this year Africa Day comes when the Palestinian people are facing a new tragedy. What the Zionists have failed to achieve is now being achieved by Arabs against Palestinians. At a time when the world is still affected by the massacres of Sabra and Shatila at the hands of Sharon, and before this wound has healed, these massacres are being repeated by Arab Sharonites.

The leader said: The Palestine Salvation Front has assured me that the justifications that were cited by those responsible for these massacres, which are being committed now against the Palestinian camps, are untrue and that what is being said is no more than a justification for committing this ugly crime. The leader went on to say: This has prompted us to wonder if Yasir 'Arafat was not right in his search for a land to establish a Palestinian state on any part of Palestine even if it is on the donkey's back since the Palestinians are being slaughtered everywhere. The leader has stressed that this does not mean that we accept the Zionist presence on the Arab land. Even if a Palestinian state is established and recognizes the Zionist entity, we will not recognize this entity. The leader said that in addition to the impossibility of the coexistence of a Palestinian state and a Zionist entity, the war between the Arabs and the Zionists is a war of existence particularly after the Zionists armed themselves with the atom bomb and deployed nuclear missiles in the Negev and on the Golan.

The leader added: I cannot but side with the Palestinians whether they are justified or not. This stance is based on principle and the masses of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya have no option in the face of what is taking place but to stand by the Palestinians and incite them to resist and not surrender the camps. In his address the leader called on the Palestinians to stay on Libyan soil with their camps and detachments and to continue fighting from Libya to liberate Palestine. The leader added: Let it be known that Libya supports the annexation of Lebanon to Syria so that the two become one country, but this should not be realized over the corpses of Palestinians.

In conclusion the leader asked the heads of the African diplomatic missions to contact their leaders to stand by the Palestinians in the tribulations they are facing these days.

Al-Qadhdhafi Discusses Palestinians in Lebanon

With Lebanese Leaders

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[Text] Tripoli, 28 May (JANA): The leader of the revolution spoke on the telephone last night with both the president of Lebanon, Amin al-Jumayyil, and the leaders of the Lebanese national movements. The discussion dealt with the brutal actions the Palestinian camps have been exposed to at the hands of Amal movement and the necessity to halt this plot which is targeted at the Palestine rifle and the Palestinian existence, and moreover the whole Arab steadfastness.

The brother leader informed the leaders of the Lebanese national movements of the need for firm confrontation of this plot and to stand by the side of the Palestinian resistance.

With PDRY's Leader

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[Text] Tripoli, 28 May (JANA) — A telephone conversation was held yesterday between the brother leader of the revolution and

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HA'ARETZ on Proposed Egyptian Ambassador*TA240936 Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew 24 May 85 p 1*

["Exclusive" report from the United States by Tvzi Bar'el]

[Text] Washington — Egyptian sources have told *HA'ARETZ* that 'Izzat 'Abd al-Latif, who until recently served as Egypt's ambassador to Sudan, has been named the candidate for ambassador to Israel.

In the past, 'Abd al-Latif had also served as his country's envoy to Jordan and as the head of the Egyptian delegation to the Israeli-Egyptian disengagement talks.

The sources added that upon his return from Sudan, 'Abd al-Latif was asked "to study and read material about Israel, and look forward to his next assignment there," but could not tell us when a decision to dispatch him to Israel would be made. Egyptian diplomatic sources attribute great importance to the talks that will be held on Monday between the two delegations, during which the Israeli delegation is expected to present the Cabinet's position on the Egyptian ideas [about Tabah]. "If we get positive responses, the appointment of an Egyptian ambassador may well be expected to take place within a short period of time — say a month or a bit longer." Nevertheless, the possibility that the incumbent Egyptian representative, Muhammad Bas yuni, will be promoted and appointed ambassador has still not been totally ruled out.

Tabah Talks Postponed for 'Technical' Reasons*TA251253 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1100 GMT 25 May 85*

[Text] The talks between Israel and Egypt on the future of Tabah have been postponed by 10 days. The REUTER correspondent reports from officials in the Israeli Embassy in Cairo that the talks had been scheduled to resume the day after tomorrow, but they have been postponed to Thursday, 6 June. It was stated that the reason for this is technical.

Histadrut Final Election Results Reported*TA241341 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1100 GMT 24 May 85*

[Text] The final results of the Histadrut elections show that the Alignment won 69.3 percent of the vote, the Likud 23.5 percent, HADASH 4.5 percent, and the Citizens Right Movement received about 2.75 percent.

Tehiya, Shinuy, and the Progressive List for Peace did not attain the minimum quota. Over 56 percent of the eligible voters cast their ballots, similar to the turnout in previous elections, although this time they were not given a day off.